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Bodderu irrigation channel.

* 140 Q.—Sri K. V. RAMESAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether any representations were received by the Board of Revenue and the District Collector, Visakhapatnam, from the ryots of Kaspa Jagannadhapuram, Veeravilli taluk, Visakhapatnam district, complaining that Bodderu irrigation channel is not serving their needs owing to non-repair and that the imposition of additional water cess on second crops is working a great hardship on them; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) & (b) The Government have no information. They have called for a report from the Board of Revenue and the Collector of Visakhapatnam."

Sri K. V. RAMESAM :—" Will the Government take action after receiving the report from the District Collector?"

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" After the report is received, I shall consider it."

* 141 Q.—Sri S. RAMALINGAM :—" I am not putting the question, as I got the required information from some other source."

Application of Factories Act to beedi industry.

* 142 Q.—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state— 11-20 a.m.

(a) whether beedi factory owners in this State have in order to evade the Factory Act introduced branch system so that workers should not get the benefit of the Factory Act; and

(b) if so, what steps the Government propose to take in this matter?

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (a) It is true that some of the big beedi factories have got branches but it cannot be said that the system is adopted to evade provisions of the Factories Act.

" Even branch establishments where ten or more persons are employed come within the purview of the Factories Act, 1948.

" (b) In view of the answer to clause (a), the question does not arise."

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know, Sir, if the factory owners violate the Act by introducing the branch system, have not the Government got the responsibility to see that the Factories Act is obeyed, and the workers are given the benefit of the provisions of that Act?"